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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 10866/004
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/532387</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/PT2003/000015	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 October 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 October 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION VANADIUM CATALYSTS AND PROCESS FOR THE DIRECT CONVERSION OF METHANE INTO ACETIC ACID		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US POMBEIRO, Armando, et al.		
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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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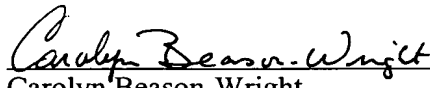
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